Acey-Deucey™

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A fast-moving game that can transform you from billionaire into pauper in a single play.

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Apple® II, II+, IIe, or Franklin Ace™ 1000 • 24K
One Disk Drive • DOS 3.3

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Acey-Deucey Disk
Instruction Booklet
Warranty Card

OVERVIEW

Prepare yourself for a fast-moving card game that can transform you from billionaire into pauper in a single play. The action is always fast and furious, as you compete against the computer or your friends. Play the odds or use your intuition—but hold onto your hat as you try to WIN THE POT or BREAK THE BANK.

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THE GAMES OF ACEY-DEUCEY

There are two different games available in Acey-Deucey: Break the Bank and The Pot Game. Break the Bank allows you to play by yourself, with your friends, or in competition with the computer. When playing The Pot Game you must have at least two players, or compete against the computer. Up to four players may compete in either game.

GETTING STARTED

To get started with Acey-Deucey, simply follow these steps. (This is called "booting.")

1. Turn off the computer to clear the memory. Turn on the monitor.

2. Open the disk drive door by pulling out and up on its bottom edge. Slip the program disk into drive #1 with the labeled edge being the last to enter the drive.

3. When the disk is entirely in the drive, close the drive door.

4. Turn the power switch to the on position. You will hear a "beep" from the computer, and the "in-use" light on the disk drive will come on. This means that the program is loading.

You will now see the Softsmith logo and Acey-Deucey title appear on the screen. If you don't, please try turning your computer off briefly, and then on again.

Acey-Deucey will now automatically run a demonstration game without sound. If you wish to have sound effects, press the <CTRL> and <S> keys at the same time. To end the demonstration, press <SPACE BAR>.

Note: Please be sure to enter only capital letters when playing Acey-Deucey.

KEYBOARD CONTROLS

The following keys control the action of Acey-Deucey:

<RETURN>	used to end a bet and to draw a new hand
<N>	allows you to skip a turn
<CTRL-S>	turns sound effects on and off
<CTRL-Q>	allows you to quit the game
<ESC>	when pressed at the start of each new game, removes all previous information and displays the message HOW MANY PLAYERS (1–4)
<SPACE BAR>	ends the demonstration game

THE PLAY

To start playing Acey-Deucey, properly boot the program according to the "Getting Started" instructions above. Press the <SPACE BAR> and then select the number of players, from one to four. The computer then asks for the name of each player, whether or not the computer will be competing, and which game you wish to play (see the following). Simply type in the appropriate responses (you will need to press <RETURN> after entering the players' names only), and you're ready to go. Each player begins with a bankroll of $50. You must also select the bank's assets (Break the Bank) or the amount of the pot (The Pot Game). You may choose any amount between $500 and $999,999,999,999.

The computer deals two cards, face-up. Aces count as eleven points at all times. All picture cards are worth ten. The other cards keep their face value. If you don't like the cards, you may draw a new hand by pressing <RETURN>. Of course, this costs you ten percent of your total assets! To play a hand, enter the amount you wish to bet and press <RETURN>. Acey-Deucey also allows you to skip a turn by pressing <N>.

Break the Bank

After you have entered your bet, the computer deals a third card. If it falls between the original cards, you win the hand and the amount of your bet is added to your account. Otherwise, you lose the hand and your account diminishes by the amount of your bet. There are two ways

to win the game: be the first player to acquire assets equal to or greater than the bank's, or be the only player who has not gone bankrupt.

The Pot Game

This game is similar to Break the Bank except that when you win a bet the amount is both added to your account and subtracted from the pot. If you lose a bet, the amount is subtracted from your account and added to the pot. To win the game, you must either have the greatest assets of any player when the pot has been emptied, or be the only player who has not gone bankrupt.

IMPORTANT TIPS

Follow these tips to minimize problems in running this and many other programs on your microcomputer.

Make sure the shift lock light is on if running this program on the Franklin Ace. This program recognizes only capital letters.

Do not open the disk drive door while the "in-use" light is on. This may damage your disk and render it unusable.

Do not press <CTRL-C> while the "in-use" light is on. Results are unpredictable, and damage to your program may result.

Do not try to make a copy of this disk. If during normal use something goes wrong with your disk, please refer to the Warranty Message section of this manual.

Handle your disks carefully and hold them with your fingers on the labeled edge. Always keep them in their special sleeves while not in use.

WARRANTY MESSAGE

Please take a moment to fill out and mail the enclosed Warranty Card. By having your name on file we will be able to provide better customer service, including information on program updates and replacement of damaged disks.

A great deal of effort has gone into preparing this program to operate smoothly and without "bugs." Should you have problems running your program, please contact The Software Guild Service Department, toll free, at

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Given normal use, it should not be possible to damage your disk. However, should your disk (or the program on it) become damaged, please send it to us with a short description of the problem. The Software Guild, Inc., will replace your disk promptly, per warranty provisions.

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